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Ignite sparks of fightback and revolution

TUSCALOOSA COUNTY, Alabama, December 21— A multiracial and multi-gender group of educators, students, cultural workers and members and friends of the Progressive Labor Party (PLP) returned to Alabama to support the ongoing Warrior Met miners' strike. 1,100 multiracial miners have been on strike since last April 1, against Warrior Met Coal and its largest shareholder, Wall Street investment firm BlackRock, and the bosses' attacks are intensifying on every level. The miners' militant picket lines and efforts to block the scabs have been banned by the capitalists' courts since October 28 as the bosses attempt to starve out the strike and destroy morale. The strike has shown once again that the bosses will always try to take back what we have won in the past. Only a communist society won through revolution can liberate us from this daily struggle to survive under capitalism.

Even with the picket lines banned, we still put our line on the line this week and brought our communist ideas of internationalist working class collectivity and revolutionary antiracist multiracial unity to miners, their families, and the Women's Auxiliary.

The efforts of the Auxiliary have been integral in keeping the miners' families fed and morale and solidarity high. In so many ways the miners and their families demonstrate why multiracial unity is such a mortal threat to capitalism, and why Black workers and industrial workers will lead our class to the ultimate victory of communist revolution!

Multiracial solidarity, comradely struggle

Following up on previous trips to Alabama throughout the fall, we were warmly invited to put our solidarity in action during this trip to help the UMWA Women's Auxiliary fill grocery bags with much-needed food for the miners' families. We learned about the crucial importance of the donations to the UMWA Strike Pantry and how welcomed letters of support have been.

We also learned how proud the miners in this local District 20 are for being historically multiracial. Black and white miners and their families understood their rank-and-file multiracial unity has

Alabama miners strike inspires our class coast-to-coast

The following letter is from a participant of the Alabama project. See page 3.

Progressive Labor Party (PLP) has been supporting the coal miners in Tuscaloosa, Alabama as they continue their nine-month long strike against the Warrior Met Coal Company, the longest strike in the state's history. They are fighting against life-threatening conditions on the job to have a contract guaranteeing better pay and medical coverage. 1,100 Black and white workers have been working together as intimidation and armed violence from scabs and a near-total media blackout on the strike continues.

This past weekend, two east coast Progressive Labor Party-sponsored groups of professors, students, and supporters helped prepare meals, gift bags, presents, and decorations for a Christmas party at the union hall for the families of the miners. The turnout was amazing, and the families enjoyed the festivities.

We had the privilege of meeting one of the miner families in their home as they were being interviewed about the strike and the interviewed miner's experience working at Amazon. From the

beginning, we were welcomed with Southern hospitality and enthusiasm.

Throughout discussions, setting up for events, and the party turnout, multiracial and multigenerational unity were in full effect. Grandparents and children helped, and have been vital parts of the strike effort.

During the party, PL'ers met with and discussed CHALLENGE with a Black woman miner and her husband and child. Everyone involved had a role and blew away the expectations of the organizers of the United Mine Workers of America Auxiliary. Each aspect reinforced and set the example for all workers fighting the capitalist system.

There may be another trip to Alabama in the coming months, as the miners expect to continue their strike. Even an agreed upon contract as early as January 2022 would still leave them without pay for several weeks (as paperwork and processing runs inefficiently—a staple of capitalism). Until then, the PLP will continue to stand in solidarity with the miners and all workers striking for the bare minimum that is refused by the broken capitalist system.



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OUR FIGHT

- ★Progressive Labor Party (PLP) fights to destroy capitalism and the dictatorship of the capitalist class. We organize workers, soldiers and youth into a revolutionary movement for communism.
- ★The dictatorship of the working class — communism—can provide a lasting solution to the disaster that is today’s world for billions of people. This cannot be done through electoral politics, but requires a revolutionary movement and a mass Red Army led by PLP.
- ★Worldwide capitalism, in its relentless drive for profit, inevitably leads to war, fascism, poverty, disease, starvation and environmental destruction. The capitalist class, through its state power — governments, armies, police, schools and culture — maintains a dictatorship over the world’s workers. The capitalist dictatorship supports, and is supported by, the anti-working-class ideologies of racism, sexism, nationalism, individualism and religion.
- ★While the bosses and their mouthpieces claim “communism is dead,” capitalism is the real failure for billions worldwide. Capitalism returned to Russia and China because socialism retained many aspects of the profit system, like wages and privileges. Russia and China did not establish communism.
- ★Communism means working collectively to build a worker-run society. We will abolish work for wages, money and profits. While capitalism needs unemployment, communism needs everyone to contribute and share in society’s benefits and burdens.
- ★Communism means abolishing racism and the concept of “race.” Capitalism uses racism to super-exploit Black, Latin, Asian and indigenous workers, and to divide the entire working class.
- ★Communism means abolishing the special oppression of women— sexism—and divisive gender roles created by the class society.
- ★Communism means abolishing nations and nationalism. One international working class, one world, one Party.
- ★Communism means that the minds of millions of workers must become free from religion’s false promises, unscientific thinking and poisonous ideology. Communism will triumph when the masses of workers can use the science of dialectical materialism to understand, analyze and change the world to meet their needs and aspirations.
- ★Communism means the Party leads every aspect of society. For this to work, millions of workers — eventually everyone — must become communist organizers. Join Us!

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Editorial

Criminal rulers mandate profit over workers’ health

On January 3, as the two-year-old, out-of-control pandemic exposed the criminal incompetence and callous negligence of capitalism, infections hit a record 2.4 million workers worldwide—a fast-advancing “tsunami,” said the World Health Organization (WHO). In the U.S., as the Joe Biden administration pushed sick people back to work to keep the bosses’ profits flowing, the National Guard is propping up hospitals on the brink of collapse. In Argentina, where President Alberto Fernández downplayed the pandemic and promoted fake miracle cures, the positivity rate for Covid-19 tests reached 56 percent, or more than five times what WHO considers a crisis (Buenos Aires Times, 1/5). In France, one of the world’s hottest hot spots, Covid patients occupied 72 percent of available intensive care beds (modernghana.com, 1/5). In Africa, health officials are bracing for the devastation of a mostly unvaccinated population (NYT, 12/25/21).

Omicron—the latest dominant variant of the SARS-CoV2 virus, but almost surely not the last—is so infectious that it recently penetrated a research station in Antarctica. Playing it safe, the world’s billionaires—who nearly doubled their share of global household income in 2020 (World Inequality Report 2022)—postponed their annual celebration of greed and profit in Davos, Switzerland. But the Beijing Winter Olympics is still on track to endanger masses of spectators and preserve its \$7 billion television contract. As subway lines closed and urgent care centers shut down for a lack of healthy workers, New York City still held its super-spreader New Year’s Eve party in Times Square. In Mexico, work still goes full steam ahead in the maquiladoras, the factories that produce super-profits for U.S. and European imperialists. One study found that low-income workers were five times more likely to die from Covid than those with higher incomes (sciencedirect.com, February 2022).

While millions are sickened daily, it’s business as usual for the parasitic, mass-murdering capitalist ruling class. Though the bosses and bought-and-paid-for scientists like Anthony Fauci stress that the new variant is relatively “mild,” there’s no way to be sure how bad omicron will get as it spreads from mostly younger to older and immunocompromised workers. As a WHO official noted: “How it behaves in the elderly population, the vulnerable—we don’t know yet” (fortune.com, 12/30/21). Since hospitalizations and deaths lag behind case counts, they appear likely to rise—perhaps explosively—over the next several weeks, even in places with high vaccination rates. On January 4, the governor of Maryland declared a state of emergency after Covid hospital admissions soared more than 500 percent since November (sfgate.com, 1/4).

On top of the 5.4 million reported global pandemic-linked deaths to date, workers are now dying from Covid at a rate of more than 2 million per year—close to 500,000 in the U.S. alone. The bosses tell us that Covid is “endemic,” that it’s time to return to business as usual, that we’ll just “have to live with it”—or die with it! The normalization of mass slaughter is a hallmark of capitalism in crisis, of a run-up to inter-imperialist war—and of rising fascism.

CDC sells out again

On December 27, in a move “to minimize rising disruptions to the economy” (NYT, 12/27/21), the U.S. Centers for Disease Control cut its recommended isolation time for infected Covid patients from ten days to five (see page 5). Per Rochelle Walensky, the latest Nazi doctor to serve as the CDC’s director, there was no need for these people to test negative before they returned to work—a convenient omission, since Covid tests are either unaffordable or unavailable one year into the bungling Biden administration. According to the CDC, it was even okay if these infected workers—teachers, nurses, flight attendants—were symptomatic, as long as their symptoms were “resolving.”

The new guidelines were immediately hailed by the airlines and retail associations, whose revenues are jeopardized by so many workers staying home sick. On January 4, with U.S. hospitalizations up 51 percent over the previous two weeks, the CDC doubled down and reaffirmed that no testing was needed. “These updates ensure people can safely continue their daily lives,” Walensky said. But one day later, after getting slammed by the American Medical Association for putting patients “at risk” and potentially overwhelming

the health care system (yahoo!news, 1/5), the agency tweaked its guidelines yet again to suggest that infected people could take a test if they “have access” and “want to.”

In a country poisoned by rotten capitalist ideas about “personal freedom,” where mask mandates are unevenly imposed and rarely enforced, the new federal policy amounts to mass murder. In the richest country on earth, the bosses are so driven by short-term profits that they won’t invest to keep their own workers safe. Under capitalism, Covid tests are strictly optional. So is decent health care. Only the rulers’ profits are mandatory—no matter what the cost to the working class.

Vaccine Apartheid

In Spain, 81 percent of the population is considered fully vaccinated (not counting boosters); in China, it’s 86 percent. Even in the fraying and decaying U.S., where a split in the ruling class and a long history of medical racism has given rise to a mass anti-vaccination movement, the number stands at 62 percent (NYT, 1/5).

But in Africa, in a horrific illustration of racist inequality, only 9 percent are fully vaccinated. In Nigeria, Africa’s most populous country, the figure is 2 percent. In the Democratic Republic of Congo, torn apart by rival capitalist gangs, it’s 0.1 percent. How can this be? To begin with, the big U.S. drug companies seized their opportunity for a vaccine revenue bonanza. In 2021, Pfizer, Moderna, and BioNTech were projected to rake in combined pre-tax profits of \$34 billion—more than \$93 million a day, or \$1,000 a second (medicalxpress.com, 11/16/21). China and Russia, meanwhile, used their vaccines to force smaller capitalists to do business on their terms and gain an advantage on their U.S. imperialist rival. Poorer regions like Africa, Latin America, and Eastern Europe were mostly abandoned to their fate.

This racist crime begins with a simple lack of supply. As bosses in the U.S. and Western Europe hoard enough vaccine for two or more times their population, all of Africa—home to 1.4 billion people—has received less than 500 million doses, barely enough to fully vaccinate even 20 percent of the continent’s population. In many cases, vaccines donated by wealthier countries had almost no remaining shelf life (Africa Press, 1/1). Africa also suffers from a lack of distribution infrastructure, a shortage of trained medical personnel, and widespread and justified distrust of the corrupt bosses in charge.

Whatever the factors, this racist inequality presents a grave danger for the entire international working class. “The longer the virus continues to spread unchecked,” said Benjamin Schreiber, deputy chief of UNICEF’s global immunization program, “the higher the risk of more deadly or contagious variants emerging. Vaccine equity is not charity; it is an epidemiological necessity” (NYT, 12/9/21).

According to scientists in South Africa, where omicron invaded early on, one added peril is that any Covid-positive patient with a depressed immune system is an ideal host for new mutations of the virus. In sub-Saharan Africa, eight million people living with HIV are not receiving effective antiretroviral treatment. It’s the capitalist rulers’ formula for a genocide of the workers of the world.

The communist alternative

In a communist world, the responsibility for responding to a pandemic would be collective. Society would be organized around one overriding priority: workers’ health and well-being. One shining model is the Chinese communists’ “barefoot doctors” program, which brought accessible medical care to the previously neglected countryside.

Under capitalism, individuals are left to fend for themselves and encouraged to put their own interests above others’. Under communism, we would work together to anticipate and solve public health issues as they arose, in the interests of the entire working class. In a world free of racism, sexism, money, and national borders, we would share equally in the advances of uncorrupted science. Fight for a healthier communist world! Join PLP! 🇵🇷

Newark families fight police terror, harassment



NEWARK, NJ - A multi-racial group of over 25 workers rallied in downtown Newark to call for the immediate release of Justin Rodwell and to get the charges dropped against the Rodwell/Spivey brothers. Since June 2021, the Newark Police Department (NPD) has stalked, harassed, terrorized, and arrested members of the Rodwell/Spivey family, after undercover police illegally and brutally stopped and frisked one of their family members and the Rodwell/Spivey brothers and their neighbors bravely stepped in.

For nearly seven months now Progressive Labor Party (PLP) and our class brothers and sisters have been fighting back in Newark until justice for the Rodwell/Spivey family and workers internationally is served. In the end only a communist revolution can truly break our chains, but until then rallies like the one we organized spread PLP's revolutionary ideas to workers. They also develop new working class leaders and strengthen our confidence in the working class to build a mass communist movement instead of depending on politicians, like Newark's racist mayor Ras Baraka, to pass weak liberal reforms.

Rally highlights fightback vs liberal reforms.

Ms. Rodwell, alongside her son and PLP members, stood in downtown Newark, some wearing T-shirts saying 'Free Justin, Smash Racist Terror' while others carried banners and posters raging against the racist judicial system.

The rally called for the immediate release of Justin, but also described the essential role of police terror on Black workers and the need for multi-racial unity to fight back. One speaker recalled stories about workers being harassed and robbed by the Newark Police Department. "That is why we are here. Because we need to fight back and we believe that we can fight to win this case... We are also out here to fight for a better world for Black people, Latin people, all [working class] people. Fight for a communist world."

Ms. Rodwell got the attention of downtown shoppers as she recounted the attack on her sons. She promoted working class unity, "When I'm out here standing up for my sons' rights, I'm also standing up for y'all rights and everybody's rights." This analysis came after weeks of organizing and talking to workers throughout Newark.

Depend on the working class - Not the politicians

Another speaker connected the struggle to the anti-homeless legislation pushed by Newark Mayor Ras Baraka. Liberal misleader Baraka is demanding a permit, at-a-cost, from those feeding the homeless while spreading falsehoods of people tainting food with Fentanyl. A disgusting attempt to demonize homeless workers, and an attack on working class solidarity. It is also a ploy by Baraka's administration to appease developers who continue to gentrify Newark and kick out the homeless. Politicians will never have the interests of the working class at heart.

By organizing and fighting back we build confidence in the working class. That's what we did for weeks before the rally. We went to neighborhoods all across Newark. We distributed flyers, made contacts, and heard stories from workers about their experiences with the Newark Police Department and Essex County Sheriff's Officers. Ms. Rodwell told PLP members after leafleting, "A lot of people told me they will come out, but they don't show up. You all ... came to me and said let's go." She gave us credit for our organizing efforts, but it was her leadership that has developed during this period. She is a respected leader in many neighborhoods. Workers approached her to give her hugs and their contact information. One woman took extra flyers to pass out at a hair salon.

Her leadership is also flourishing in the defense committee. After high Covid-19 numbers and fights within the local jail, she proposed going to meet other workers who have family and friends locked up in the same facility as Justin. This strengthened the morale of the support team and also helped get pages of contact information. Through this struggle we gain confidence in each other and see the potential for a communist world, run by the working class.

Liberal reforms are traps for workers

At the rally a Mayoral candidate promoted getting subpoena power for the Newark Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) and voting for politicians who can make the "police work for us because they are needed."

These liberal reforms still have a strong hold on the working class. Liberal groups in Newark like the People's Organization for Progress and the Newark NAACP push for the CCRB. It's their solution to racist police terror. It's also one of the initiatives of Baraka. Some liberal finance capitalists (Big Fascists, see Glossary, p. 6), see these review boards as an alternative to antiracist fightback. It's a way to drain working class energy and anger through this bureaucratic ploy. It also promotes the idea that the police can serve the working class. It's an illusion. From Colombia to Nigeria, the police have always been tools of the capitalist ruling class. A civilian review board may change the appearance of policing, but it will never change the essence of policing.

Working class needs revolutionary antiracist leaders

The ruling class puts in overtime trying to convince workers to support politicians and their liberal reforms. At best it gives workers some crumbs while we starve. This struggle is not only exposing many of these liberal misleaders but also builds working class fighters like Ms. Rodwell - something the bosses fear. ☪

PLP digs into class struggle strikes on new comrades

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been, and is, one of the greatest strengths of this strike. Throughout the week, sharp, comradely discussions were held ranging from communism to the strategy and tactics of the strike.

Miners dig in, teach us how it's done

During meetings about the strike strategy and reform, struggle points and counterpoints were raised and heard throughout days of discussion. Disagreements remain, however, particularly over how to approach the passive "wait and see" legal strategy of union misleadership versus the seething desire for militancy among the rank-and-file.

As the miners and their families respected our efforts and our politics, we also gained deeper respect and admiration for their daily struggle to last "one day longer." As one worker put it, "many of these guys are just getting used to the idea that neither [Donald] Trump nor [Joe] Biden is gonna save us. Until a few months ago they never met a communist or knew what one was. Now they talk about communism and capitalism. That's a big deal. And y'all should remember this is a long-term process and a long-term fight."

During our trip, miners and their families would



ask us, "what is communism?" As one of our comrades answered, it's a world where workers like us run the entire world for workers like us, without money or borders. It takes communist revolution to put our class in power.

Liberal bosses no friend of the working class

One of PLP's important ideas, the dangers of liberal bosses, is playing out for all to see. With the min-

ers fighting the bosses and the court injunctions, the International President of UMWA should be attacking West Virginia Democrat Senator Joe Manchin, notoriously in the pocket of the coal bosses.

Instead, the UMWA president is appealing to Manchin to join with the rest of the Big Fascists in the U.S. ruling class and to support Biden's "Build Back Better" plan to rebuild U.S. imperialism. Our class cannot rely on the liberal bosses. We must fight to win what we can from the bosses in the short term while also preparing our entire class for a communist revolution by building an international PLP. We can't lose sight of either goal.

Communism now!

Winning the strike would be a victory against BlackRock and the U.S. capitalist class. Win or lose the strike, however, recruiting miners like those at Warrior Met and industrial workers to help lead PLP and the entire international working class to communist revolution will be a stunning victory for the international working class.

Through the strike and our Party's participation in the struggle a new comrade has joined PLP and miners, families and friends are interested in a PL study group. There is a renewed determination and commitment from every comrade as we prepare for May Day 2022. JOIN US! ☪

Collectivity must win over competition

Student athletes lead in fight against racism

BROOKLYN, NY, December 15—In the ongoing struggle to make antiracism primary in the varsity sports at the multi-school John Jay Campus, students took the lead in a virtual forum that drew nearly 100 participants. Organized by parents, teachers, and students, the forum—“Are We One?”—gave students an opportunity to push adults on campus, including members of Progressive Labor Party (PLP), to be self-critical about the athletic program’s integration efforts, which have disappointed a number of Black and Latin student athletes. In their drive to improve those efforts, the students also demanded that antiracism and collectivity—not wins and losses—should be the main measures of a successful season for a sports team.

The leadership of Black youth—the ones most brutally targeted by this racist system—continues to be central to this process. Building antiracist, integrated teams on and off the court is one way to crack the racist divisions that are normalized by the Department of Education (DoE) and the Public Schools Athletic League (PSAL).

Under capitalism, competition is so commonplace that we rarely notice its harmfulness. It fosters selfish individualism and undermines class solidarity. Communists fight for a world where all workers can reach their full potential in body and mind.

Multiracial unity vs. elitism

Armed with a proud history of fightback, the John Jay girls’ volleyball team has been at the crux of the struggle against the racist opportunity gap in youth sports. If anything, these tensions have intensified during the pandemic. In the 2020-2021 school year, most public high school students in New York attended school virtually, and varsity sports programs were suspended. Many of the Black and Latin athletes who’d played on the successful John Jay girls volleyball team the year before had no way to practice or develop their skills. Then, in the fall of 2021, the PSAL integrated a fourth campus school into the John Jay athletic program: the elitist Millennium Brooklyn High School. It also shoehorned the even more elitist Millennium High School from Manhattan into the John Jay program. (In previous years, the two Millennium schools had followed the DoE’s apartheid playbook and formed their own segregated team, though they used John Jay’s facilities.)

In this past fall’s tryouts for girls’ volleyball, the impact of capitalism’s racist inequality was brutally obvious. Players from the two Millennium schools, who are predominantly white or Asian and middle-

class, had the advantage of playing for private club teams when public school sports were shut down. For the most part, the Black and Latin players from the other John Jay schools lacked that opportunity—they couldn’t afford the thousands of dollars charged by the private clubs. They were effectively pushed aside by the programs’ merger. The coaches and PL members at John Jay had failed to think ahead about how to support them.

During the forum, players and their coach painted different pictures of the season. Crediting two Black players for bringing their concerns and ideas to him, the coach acknowledged that his old way of coaching was problematic. He said he recognized that he was caught in a contradiction between fighting for antiracism and playing the girls who’d sharpened their skills on the private club circuit. There were some positive developments over the season. The coaches and athletes worked to strengthen bonds among the players. Some multiracial friendships were formed.

But on the court, most of the Black and Latin athletes played relatively little during the regular season—and even less in this year’s playoffs, where John Jay lost in the city championship finals. The drive to win—to be “elite”—took precedence over antiracist unity and the entire squad’s development. This error was most hurtful to the Black and Latin players who rarely played. But it also hurt the girls who played the most, because it put them above the team and prevented them from truly uniting with the players on the sideline. It also fed into the elitism and de facto segregation that plagues the John Jay campus, where a racist Millennium assistant principal is notorious for surveilling the stairways and shooing away Black and Latin students off “his” floor, even when they’re trying to see the school nurse.

Students hold the power!

John Jay’s student athletes are powerful. Sometimes the victims of racism feel only rage and frustration, and powerlessness to make a difference—but not these young women. As one of them said, “The administration and PSAL failed Black and Latin children this year. They told them they’d protect them, and they didn’t.” These antiracist organizers have been bold in their demands and leadership to push John Jay’s integration efforts beyond the sports program. Several brave students stepped forward at the forum to expose other racist incidents. When a “Free Palestine” poster was stolen from a club’s “solidarity wall” at Millennium, and then burned on video, the response from the

do-nothing principal was to ask the club to add a “Protect Israel” poster to the wall—to defend the Zionist bosses and their own vicious apartheid! When Black students reported that a white student at John Jay Law was posting gutter racist comments on social media, the administration told them not to let “words” hurt them.

But students are fighting back! They rebuked the Law administrators and pointed out that racist words have historically led to racist terror in this nation built on the savagery of slavery. They spoke of their unwillingness to be passive in the face of anti-Black racist state terror, and of how much they’d learned from the millions of protestors who took to the streets after George Floyd was murdered by the racist kkkops. They have distributed a list of demands to advance multiracial unity throughout the campus. Plans are in the works to unite the fightback at Millennium with the rest of John Jay by inviting the protest’s leaders to join the Campus Council, the student government for all four schools.

The main contradiction in capitalist schools is between the students and the education bosses. To smash this rotten system, students must be mobilized to unite with the international working class to destroy the rulers’ state and all of its institutions—to make a communist revolution. For now, our job is to support these students’ reform efforts, to help them organize, and to deepen their understanding of racism and how it can ultimately be defeated.

All workers win with communism

We know that capitalism feeds on racism and will never get rid of it. Only a multiracial fight to smash capitalism can lead us to a new society free of racism, sexism, and exploitation. That system is communism!

The opposite of capitalist competition is communist collectivity, a system that creates winners with no losers. PLP is organizing in more than two dozen countries for communism, drawing inspiration from the first workers’ states in the Soviet Union and China, which promoted mass participation in sports in the spirit of working-class solidarity. The slogan of the Chinese Cultural Revolution said it all: “Friendship first, competition second.”

Communists fight for a world where all workers reach their full potential in body and mind. Fight for communism! Join PLP! ✊

Murderous LAPD hides behind liberal racism

LOS ANGELES, December 23 - Just two days before Christmas, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) murdered 14-year-old Valentina Orelana Peralta and 24-year-old Daniel Elena Lopez in a Burlington Coat Factory in North Hollywood. These two young Latin workers join the long list of workers, including Alex Flores, whose lives have been stolen by the racist LAPD. By the end of 2021 the murderous LAPD had taken twice as many lives as in the prior year (LA Times, 12/27/21). Even in the face of these rising numbers, Progressive Labor Party (PLP), alongside the families of lost workers, continues to fight back against this whole damn capitalist system.

Fight back for Valentina

Like many workers, Valentina immigrated seeking a new life in the U.S. But as her father put it, and as is true for so many workers internationally, “this is what my daughter found here: death (NYT, 12/28/21).”

Valentina was in a dressing room with her mother trying on dresses for her upcoming quinceañera (15th birthday celebration) when a cop’s bullet pierced the wall and struck her in the chest. She was left dying in her mother’s arms.

Valentina’s story has received national news, including crocodile tears from U.S. president Joe Biden offering “deep condolences.” The blood of Valentina, however, is just as much on Jim Crow Joe and his Top Cop Kamala Harris as it is on the killer cop William Dorsey Jones who pulled the trigger!



For decades Biden and Harris have been instrumental architects in the violent and racist war on all workers, but especially on Black, Latin, indigenous, and immigrant workers particularly in LA.

Only charge being a worker

Unlike the feigned sympathy shown for Valentina, Daniel Elena Lopez, also shot at the scene, was

immediately criminalized. The media and police immediately and falsely labeled him a suspect with a deadly weapon. In truth, no gun was recovered. He only had a bicycle lock and was clearly mentally unwell.

The LAPD quickly released the video of the shooting. They had Cheryl Dorsey, a retired Black woman cop, review the video and described the shooting as being “within policy.” The LAPD thinks they can hide the racism on which they are built because Dorsey Jones is a Black cop. However, there is no such thing as an antiracist KKKop and PLP charges Dorsey Jones with MURDER.

Struggle and sympathy over sorrow

The family of Daniel courageously joined the protests and vigils that were organized in the name of Valentina. His sister, fighting through tears, humanized her brother who the KKKops and press had criminalized. Like so many of our working-class sisters and brothers beaten down by capitalism, she said that he was distraught as he was facing an eviction, and had been incarcerated for three years, only recently released. She said he was in a mental health crisis and needed help, not to be killed. She picks up the mantle of women leaders, just as we’ve seen with the Flores Family, who defiantly speak out for workers.

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CDC says Can't Disrupt Capitalism

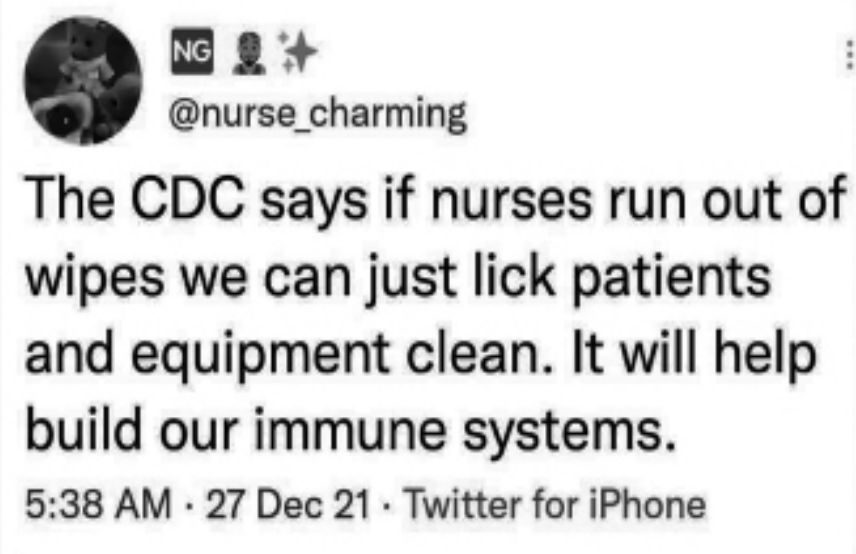
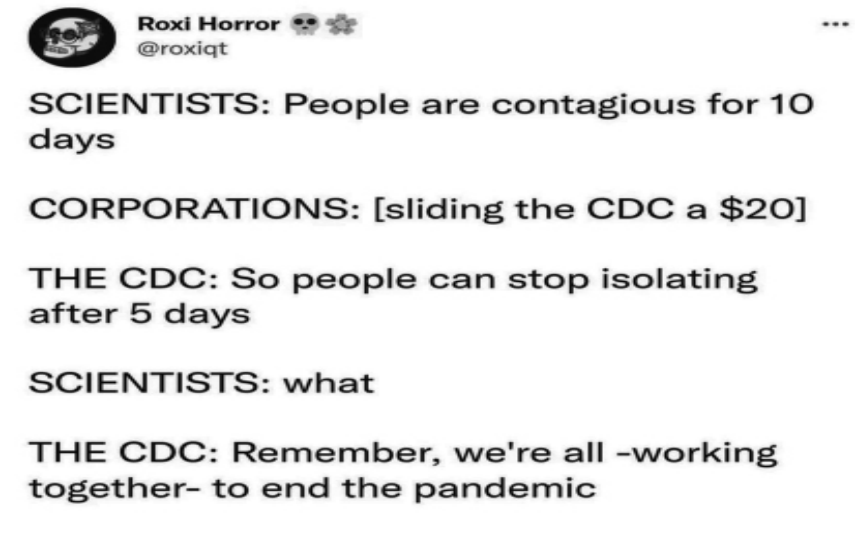
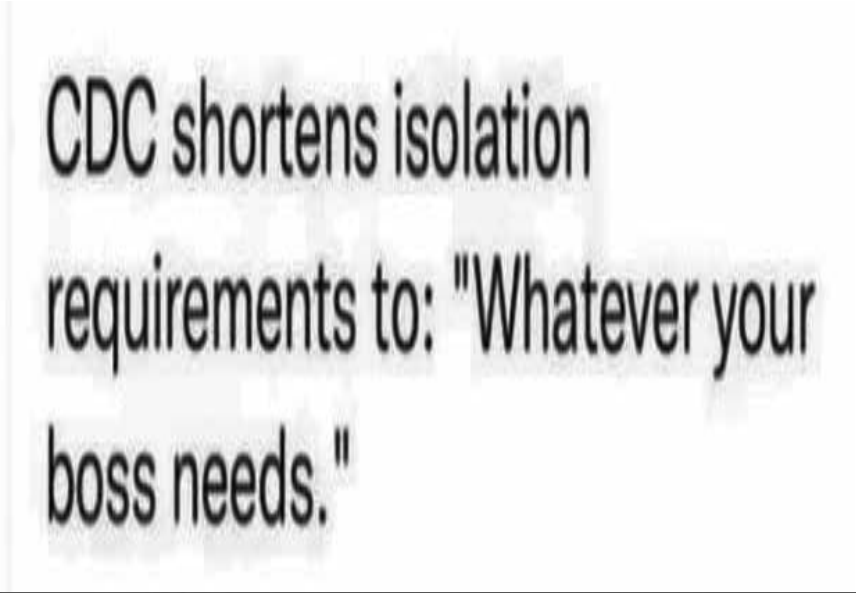
As the ruling-class owned CDC announced that Covid-19 infections only require a five-day quarantine instead of 10, workers worldwide can see that this decision is profit driven (see editorial, page 2).

Following their conversation with the Delta airlines CEO, the CDC reinforced that cashing in on overpriced airline seats was more important than the lives of the workers who are now being required to return to work, sick, exhausted, and infectious to their fellow class sisters and brothers.

In the face of exploitation, these humorous memes all shed light on one thing: because of our class position and the experience of exploitation, our class can see through the lies that ruling class bosses throw at us. With struggle and conversation, these memes can be an opportunity to develop class consciousness and unity among our co-workers, friends, classmates, and family.

To put it bluntly in the words of Malcolm X, truth is on the side of the oppressed.

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Letter

CDC: criminal, diseased, capitalist

This is not the first time the CDC has implemented violent recommendations in favor of the bosses and their profits. In the summer of 2021, while Covid-19 cases were at a record-low since the beginning of the pandemic, the CDC carelessly recommended that vaccinated individuals not be required to wear masks while in public spaces even though vaccinated people could still contract and spread the virus to others regardless of vaccination status. All to create more profits in the bosses' economy. Of course, cases skyrocketed nationwide by the end of the summer.

This latest surge comes as healthcare workers across the board continue to battle racist and sexist staffing shortages, burnout, and overflows of hospital admissions. Although health care under capitalism has always essentially been about profit, the pandemic has truly laid bare how inadequate and ill-prepared the system really is.

We as workers keep each other safe. The CDC is not the epitome of scientific knowledge. In fact, their scientific pursuit is inherently tied to the profiteering of U.S. imperialism. They're a tool of the capitalist state that does not fundamentally care if workers live or die.

This is why Progressive Labor Party needs you! As we continue to build a base with more scientists and healthcare workers, we can better understand science from a materialist-communist lens and organize to destroy capitalism's racist violence.

Letter

Sickening working conditions

How would you feel if you were forced to work involuntary overtime for a different city agency after you worked a full work week at your regular job? Well that is the reality that I faced after having Covid-19, being vaccinated, and returning to work.

I am a bit of a trouble maker so when I was asked if I had done the required 10 hours of weekly overtime I said "no, working my regular hours is all I can do with my family responsibilities."

I felt that my coworkers and I were being tricked into doing work we hadn't been hired to do. When I asked to see written documentation of requirements for overtime, there was no response. When I called my union reps, I also got no response.

Bosses try to trick us every day to force us to do more work. If we are doing two different jobs we should get two paychecks or better still, hire a second worker to do the extra work. I look forward to reading and sharing how others in the Progressive Labor Party and their friends are confronting similar attempts by bosses to use Covid-19 conditions to increase workloads. Here in my office, my co-workers and I need to sit down and plan on how we can fight this.

LETTERS

We encourage all CHALLENGE readers to send in letters and articles about their experiences fighting the bosses worldwide.

Jan 1 soup celebrates liberation from slavery

January 1 is an important date for the working class in Haiti, but not for the reason you may think. There is a tradition of eating soup joumou today, which celebrates the victory of the revolutionaries of Haitian independence in 1804 over racism, slavery, and colonialism, and therefore against the domination and exploitation of capitalism. January 1 marks the liberation from chattel slavery and the formation of the world's first Black republic, Haiti. Under slavery, this thick stew with meat and vegetables was reserved only for the enslavers and other exploiters.

For the working class, international solidarity and solidarity with our communist party is key. Capitalism pushes individualism, which is the negation of solidarity. Yet, while the bosses compete with one another for markets and power, they are united as a class to defend their own interests. They unite to sow divisions inside the working class, using a three-pronged weapon of racism, sexism and nationalism. Our task is to defeat those ideas ideologically and in action, build our mutual confidence, and put the working class in the driver's seat of humanity.

So workers of the world unite, gather ye strength with a bowl of joumou, and get ready to fight back!

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John Brown's legacy: violent revolution necessary, not 'crazy'

We have to finish the job of defeating systemic racism, and after our trip to Harpers Ferry we are even more inspired to do so. On Sunday December 10, a small caravan of Baltimore and DC comrades and family spent the day at the historic site bonding and enjoying the John Brown Museum and the John Brown Wax Museum, along with a short hike and lunch.

Among us were members of the Baltimore West Wednesday Coalition, which has been fighting for accountability in the police murder of Tyrone West on July 18, 2013. One of our first stops was the federal armory, which Brown and his allies used as a fort for their raid. Together, we stood with fists raised as one of our comrades took a picture. The museums were undertoned, but John Brown's resolve to end slavery resonated clearly. "I have only a short time to live and only one death to die and I will die fighting for this cause. There will be no peace in this land until slavery is done for."

In fact one comrade said that while he

noticed the capitalist attempts to revise him and even call him insane, "What is certain is that true change may require violent struggle." Truly Brown's commitment is a rallying cry for those of us to our cause. The capitalist system must be done for!

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Bosses' Omicron put workers' lives on the line

I recently began attending a Progressive Labor Party (PLP) study group and it has taught me so much. One of the first things that communism opened my eyes to is that capitalism can only breed racism and misery.

The latest Covid-19 Omicron spike has only amplified the racist divisions between low-income predominantly Black and Latin working-class neighborhoods, and less integrated, higher income neighborhoods. I saw this play out while waiting on a Covid-19 testing line in Brownsville, Brooklyn that snaked around the block. I overheard people saying that they had been waiting for hours. Rather than wait on the line and expose others, I began calling local pharmacies in search of a home rapid test. I was disgusted to discover that there were no test kits in the Brownsville, Bedford-Stuyvesant, and Bushwick neighborhoods. They were not accepting appointments and were turning people away. After calling about ten pharmacies I finally found a test in Park Slope, and later found another where I work on the Upper East Side, two neighborhoods known for being wealthier and whiter.

I began noticing a pattern in these last two weeks. Testing is more widely available in richer and whiter neighborhoods compared to working class Black and Latin areas. The wealthier, mostly white areas seem to have a constant stock of over-the-counter tests and shorter lines. Meanwhile workers in Brownsville and East New York have to stand on lines for hours without proper social distancing.

Workers in areas ravaged by Omicron are more heavily policed, and this limited testing often results in workers facing rude security guards. To maintain their profits, the capitalists are currently attempting to avoid another lock down, going so far as to lower the recommended quarantine mandate. How many lives will be lost to keep this death machine running?

Omicron is more proof that we must continue to expose and fight back against this system that forces workers to work sick, and die for profit. I'm beginning to understand that as long as capitalism exists, racist and preventable disparities in death and illness will never end. That's why I will con-

tinue to attend study groups and learn more about how we can create a better world by fighting for communism.

With the Omicron variant of Covid-19 spreading like wildfire in the U.S. imperial core, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) changed its recommendation of quarantining, if one tests positive for Covid-19, from ten days to 5 days...and workers are awake and upset! We know that U.S. airline companies asked the CDC to make this recommendation to keep their businesses open as Omicron surges at record-breaking rates. Workers infected by coronavirus are already being forced by their bosses to come into work even though they are still contagious at the five day mark of their quarantine. This recommendation has shown millions of working-class people everywhere that the capitalist bosses prioritize profit over human life.

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Hunger strike leaves workers starving for revolution

Comrades, greetings from New York! We continue to be involved in community organizations. One of the latest actions in which we participated was a "Hunger Strike for Excluded Immigrant Workers" (excluded from funds during the pandemic). Although the "leaders" of this strike declared victory, in reality the state funds allotted to these workers was not enough, so those of us in Progressive Labor Party (PLP) raised that crumbs are handed out to the working class in an attempt to pacify fightback from the masses. Following this initial action, the alliance of organizations involved called a rally and march to demand funds for the thousands of workers who were left empty handed. Many workers attended! The rally started with testimony from immigrant workers against oppression explaining how they've received nothing from the "authorities."

After the rally we marched to the governor's office where "invited politicians" gave speeches and select workers wore indigenous clothing. Our comrades, however, called out that these events laced with liberal fascism and identity politics won't solve workers problems.

We do continue to participate though as a way to connect with our friends and build future comradely bonds. We use these opportunities to share Party changes and pass out copies of CHALLENGE.

This is all done in the name of raising international class consciousness on the road to communist revolution. The workers united will never be defeated!

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Murderous LAPD hides behind liberal racism

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About one third of all police shootings in LA (including non-fatal) are of workers exhibiting signs of mental illness (LA Times, 12/28/21). At the national level, "more than one in five" workers killed by the police have mental illnesses and 1,400 people with mental illnesses have been murdered by the cops since 2015 (NBCNews, 5/21/2021)).

This is what fascism looks like!

Last year the LA mayor and City Council voted to both increase the LAPD budget in spite of calls to defund, while simultaneously voting to remove police from so-called "non-violent mental health response teams."

None of these changes, however, would have saved the lives of Alex Flo-

res, David Flores, Daniel Hernandez, Nicholas Burgos, David Ordaz Jr. or Marco Vazquez Jr., who were all experiencing a mental health crisis and purported to be "violent" when LA cops and sheriffs murdered them. These reforms are merely tools to win our class to support the capitalists' police state.

As communists, we know that the state, particularly the armed body of the state (the police), was born out of the

inherent class antagonism between the capitalists and the working class. Capitalists need the kkkops to maintain their exploitation of the working class.

Since their inception as racist slave patrols in the south and strike breakers in the north, the function of the police has been to terrorize our class, especially Black, Latin, indigenous and immigrant workers, into obedience. Their job was to put down the rebellions when we fought back and to force us to accept our exploitation.

No amount of reform can ever change this reality. We must organize and build our fighting PLP, grow our own Red Army, and destroy this whole rotten system. PLP members and friends will continue to join with the families impacted by racist state terror and raise our communist analysis within the fightback. ☸

GLOSSARY

COMMUNIST TERMS

Fascism

Capitalism's response to a crisis of their system, when the bosses can no longer sustain the charade of liberal democracy and resort to more direct control and state terror instead. Fascism is marked by the ruling capitalists disciplining their own ranks to serve the urgent needs of the capitalist state and weather the crisis. To defend their system from internal and external threats, they use all the means available in their state apparatus, including violence. To build unity within their class and loyalty from workers, they rely on nationalist politics and calls for sacrifice. Their strategy is to mislead the working class to kill our working class sisters and brothers in the next inter-imperialist war.

Big Fascists

The Big Fascists are the dominant finance capitalist faction of the U.S. ruling class. They represent the wealthiest and most powerful bosses in the U.S., including multinational banks like Chase and Citibank, multinational oil companies like ExxonMobil, the big automakers, Boeing, Amazon, and the major media companies. As the dominant grouping since World War II, the Big Fascists were the architects of the liberal world order with the U.S. bosses on top. Their dominance rests on U.S. financial and military power and its strategic control of the Middle East and the flow of oil to Europe, Asia, and Africa. To sustain this dominance, they need to rebuild a huge, multiracial military for inter-imperialist war, most likely with China.

Small Fascists

The Small Fascists are a group of domestically oriented U.S. capitalists who are challenging the Big Fascists over the direction of U.S. imperialism. Since their interests are less tied to controlling the flow of oil, they are against heavy taxation to keep troops in the Middle East and in general oppose costly military bases and invasions. They're willing to rely on a smaller, whiter army, backed by nuclear weapons and the Air Force. They use open racism to build a political following.



1950s ‘Green Revolution’

Rockefeller’s ploy to superexploit migrant workers

MEXICO—The “Green Revolution” of the 1950’s was a ploy of the Rockefeller Foundation to sell high-yield wheat—along with fertilizer and pesticides—to Mexico. In 1938, President Cardenas nationalized the oil industry, cutting out Rockefeller’s Standard Oil interests. Cardenas promoted land reform, but restricted it under the laws of capitalism. Later in 1943, President Manuel Ávila Camacho, promoted industrialization. Camacho saw Rockefeller and his Green Revolution as a way to move the workforce off the urban farm-lands into the factories as cheap labor.

Capitalists make deals like this all the time, at the expense of the working class. It soon became clear that capitalist land reform in Mexico yielded quickly to the pressures of imperialism. Only communist collectivization of the land—not for profit, but to promote healthy organic farming—can provide nourishment to the working class and sustain the earth.

At first, in the 50s, farmers grew more wheat, some of it to make cereal. Mexico became self-sufficient in wheat production by 1951 and began to export wheat thereafter.

Hybrid maize and wheat required pesticides and fertilizers that the original Mexican wheat didn’t need. Meanwhile, thousands of farmers couldn’t afford the pesticide/fertilizer packets and the hybrid seeds that had to be purchased year after year. Just as Camacho predicted, they went bankrupt and had to leave the farms for the factories in the city.

But the ruling class revolution didn’t stop in Mexico. Rockefeller spread the petrochemical ferti-



lizers and pesticides and profitable hybrid seeds to India next, and then to Pakistan, Southeast Asia and Africa. In all these places, only big farmers could afford to grow wheat and rice, and millions of farm-workers, saddled by debt were forced to sell their land and go work for factory bosses.

The pesticides were bad for many reasons. They poisoned the field workers’ skin and seeped into the water, poisoning the drinking supply. The insects which they were supposed to kill became resist-

ant. The pesticides killed the fish and green weedy vegetables that families in Southeast Asia relied on for food. The fertilizers also contained petrochemicals (from Rockefeller oil, of course). The hybrid plants become completely dependent on yearly fertilizing, which ruins the soil, making the earth less able to hold its own water, air and nutrients.

The heavy reliance on irrigation has compromised large swaths of arable land in India and Pakistan through the process of salinification, wherein salts build up in over-watered soil. Africa for its part has fared particularly poorly from the Green Revolution. African soils are generally unsuitable to intensive monoculture because of insufficient or excessive rains, high incidences of pests and diseases.

Today, in the Yaqui Valley of Mexico, of 225,000 acres, only 23 percent can be farmed because the

water reservoirs have been depleted to 13 percent. The hybrid plants require vast amounts of water, and only a few farmers can afford to pump water from wells. Ultimately, the biggest yield from this impoverished land has been unemployed workers, because the industries of the 1960s couldn’t employ many of the displaced farmers. Consequently Mexico’s farmers began a mass emigration to the United States to feed their families.☹

RED EYE ON THE NEWS . . .

U.S. fear of China-dominated world leads to war preparation

Foreign Affairs, January/February – In [China President] Xi’s vision, a unified and resurgent China would be on par with or would surpass the United States. China is the preeminent power in Asia, and its maritime domain has expanded to include control over contested areas in the East China and South China Seas. The United States has retreated back across the Pacific to assume its rightful place as an Atlantic power. China’s influence also radiates through the world via infrastructure ranging from ports, railways, and bases.

China’s behavior has ... reenergized the Quad partnership, which includes Australia, India, Japan, and the United States; spurred the establishment of a new trilateral security pact among Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States; and prompted several European countries, including France, Germany, and the Netherlands, along with NATO, to deepen their security engagement in the Asia-Pacific.

Pandemic just another example of super-exploitation of U.S. Black workers

Brookings, 12/20/21 –Earlier this year, the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) published data showing a 1.5-year decline in national life expectancy in 2020, largely due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which took the lives of approximately 375,000 Americans that year. The NCHS reported that white Americans’ life expectancy declined by

1.2 years; for Black Americans, that number was 2.9 years.

This racial disparity in life expectancy is a lagging indicator of disparities that have existed throughout the pandemic. According to the most recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data, Black people are 1.1 times more likely than white people to contract COVID-19; 2.8 times more likely to be hospitalized with the virus; and two times more likely to die from it. These disparities help to explain why, when adjusting for age, Black people account for 22.1% of the nation’s COVID-19 deaths despite only comprising 12.8% of the population. Because de jure and de facto segregation concentrated Black Americans in specific locales, racial injustices have occurred through place-based discrimination: disproportionate exposure to pollution and hazardous waste, harmful zoning practices, and post-disaster displacement, to name a few.

Uganda invades mineral-rich Democratic Republic of Congo

BBC, 12/4/21 –Ugandan forces have once again crossed the country’s western border to go into the Democratic Republic of Congo ... The Congolese government said it had invited its neighbour’s armed forces into the country as the ADF is one of many armed groups wreaking havoc in eastern DR Congo. Previous incursions have been extremely controversial with troops in the past fighting soldiers from Rwanda, carrying out atrocities and plundering the country’s natural resources.

The resource-rich region has attracted rebels for decades. Some reports suggest there could be at least 120 different militant groups based there. The fighting has become as much about control of the country’s riches as political power. Some neighbouring countries have been accused of backing rebels in order to benefit from the chaos through plunder.

Russia gears up for war in Ukraine

NY Times, 12/6/21 – Machine gun fire broke the stillness just after 8 p.m. when Capt. Denis Branitskii was midway through the evening patrol. The shots came in sporadic bursts and were close by, fired by Russian-backed separatists whose positions were obscured in the darkness. Only when the flash of a rocket-propelled grenade illuminated the newly fallen snow did Captain Branitskii break his stride, briefly pausing to take cover before moving on. This is what the war has been like for years, a slow, bloody grind that set in after both sides fought to a stalemate over territory seized by Russian-backed forces in 2014. Now Ukrainian and Western officials say something more ominous could be building.

In recent weeks, they have warned that Russia was erecting the architecture for significant military action, possibly even a full-fledged invasion. U.S. intelligence officials have assessed that Moscow has drawn up plans for a military offensive involving an estimated 175,000 troops to begin as early as next year. Recent satellite photos show a buildup in equipment, including tanks and artillery.

In 2021 the international working class said: **STAND UP FIGHT BACK!**

The year 2021 affirmed how workers worldwide are fed up with this diseased system. Capitalism functions on this logic: capitalists profit from exploitation and division, thus mangling or killing us, then use reforms to strangle any rising working-class consciousness. When we recollect that 281 million workers have been infected by Covid-19 and 5 million are dead, we realize just how deadly reforms are for our class. Nothing short of communism will immunize workers and youth from the horrors of this profit system.

U.S. President Joe Biden is giving war-mongering vibes; he signed his intentions for the New Year with a \$768 billion military bill, the largest since World War II (NYT, 12/21). Goodbye 20-year war in Afghanistan, hello World War III preparation. As the U.S., China, and Russia bosses prepare to nuke it out, it will be at the expense of the working class. Haven't workers experienced enough? Could it be that our lives only matter when bosses say they do?

The despicable ruling class pushes for us to go "back to business as usual" (see page 2) while in our schools and jobs, we are getting sick en masse, hospitals are filling up with Covid-19 infected children, evictions are coming, with police enforcement.

If we learned anything from 2021, it is that if one section of our class is under attack, that attack will soon spread to another. That is the way the infectious system of capitalism works. In order to smash Covid-19 and this racist, sexist system for good, we must think and act collectively across borders. That is what Progressive Labor Party (PLP) fights for – an international, communist world where the needs of ALL workers are primary.

Awaken ye workers strike, rise, revolt!

As bosses are demanding more productivity during the pandemic, workers declared NO MAS (no more) and striked against killer working conditions, turning their workplaces into schools for communism.

Colombia: PL'ers protested beside workers and students in the midst of capitalist crisis and are going underground to build communist fightback. Our class led national strikes on the ground against pandemic death, unemployment, tax hikes that line the pockets of President Iván Duque Márquez. We rebelled against the electoral circuses while pushing workers to fight for a worker-led revolution.

Alabama: Workers in Washington D.C., New York City, and New Jersey responded to PLP's call to join in solidarity with Black warehouse workers unionizing in Bessemer, AL and made trips to unite with Black and white miners right up the road from the Amazon warehouse.

A delegation of students and City University of New York (CUNY) faculty met with striking Warrior Met Coal miners. Since April of last year, miners have been striking for higher wages, benefits and time off after the company broke off negotiations with their local union. One of Warrior Met Coal's owners is Black Rock, a major investor in ICE detention centers and

an honored guest at a CUNY college event. Same enemy, same fight! Students traveled down and learned from their efforts, building confidence in workers ability to feed and care for each other in the midst of struggle (see page 8).

New York City: CUNY students and faculty members marched to remove the Klan in Blue from John Jay college and the carceral state altogether.

After the assassination then-president Jovenel Moise PL'ers in Brooklyn showed solidarity with workers in Haiti and the raging issues of mass unemployment, hunger, need for clean water, decent housing, medical care and education on the island.

Haiti: After another devastating earthquake, PL'ers led mutual aid efforts with food, water, surveying of damage and an exchange of communist ideas.

Chicago: 2,000 workers protested against Chicago's Democratic and Black leadership led by Mayor Lori Lightfoot and State Attorney Kim Foxx for their hand in the police murder of 13-year-old Adam Toledo and state terror against Black and Latin workers.

Thousands of health care workers, majority of them Black and Latin women, in Cook County striked against racist service cuts and hospital closings.

Newark, NJ: New and veteran comrades are building with and offering communist leadership to Black and Latin working class families fighting back against police terror and deteriorating housing conditions. This past summer PL'ers led a summer project with study action groups based around these struggles, calling out the liberal misleadership of Mayor Ras Baraka.

Only solution is communist revolution

Although this is a period of mass death and detriment, it's been a time of responsibility for communists to maintain ties and unity with workers, lead dialectical study groups, and turn reform fights into schools for communism. Workers CAN run a communist society; we're putting that potential into practice already but we need to struggle with each other against selfish, individualist ideas that say workers are to blame for our conditions. Nothing will ever change if we rely on capitalist, self-serving politicians.

For some, January 2021 was filled with wary relief that U.S. President Biden would steer away



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from Covid-19, erase student loan debt, and workers, documented or undocumented, would receive some protection and support in the pandemic. Yet, each day we wake, the more capitalist bosses' profit intentions and disarray are exposed (see page 5).

With this realization, paired with collective leadership, workers must continue to rise up and strike for better wages, worker protections and provide a glimpse of how we can turn an impending world war into a class war, a class war for a communist future. A communist world where international, collective thought, building, and strategy is the only way to break this heavy, racist, sexist ball and chain! Join PLP to make it happen! ✖

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